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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 4402

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SUBJ: GREEK-TURKISH AEGEAN DISPUTE: TURKISH REPLY

TO GREEK NOTE

REF: A. ANKARA 4322; B. ANKARA 4276

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1. IN RESPONSE TO THE GREEK NOTE OF MAY 24, THE GOT HAS

SENT A NOTE DECLARING THAT IS PREPARED TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS

ON THE AEGEAN DISPUTE "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW", AT A DATE TO BE INDICATED BY THE GOG. MFA OFFICER PROVIDED US WITH AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE

NOTE DELIVERED BY THE TURKISH EMB IN ATHENS ON JUNE 5. TEXT OF THIS TRANSLATION(MINUS COMPLIMENTARY OPENING AND CLOSING) READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

...THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS TEKEN DUE NOTE THAT THE HELLENIC GOVERNMENT IS NOTOPPOSED TO THE TURKISH PROPOSAL OF SEEKING A SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WISHES TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM ITS STRONG CONVICTION THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TWO FRIENDLY NATIONS ARE OBLIGED BY VIRTUE OF THEIR COMMON INTERESTS TO MAKE ALL EFFORTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE SOLUTIONS TO DIFFERENT PROBLEMS WHICH EMANATE FROM THEIR PROXIMITY IN THE AEGEAN.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING AND WHILE RESERVING ITS LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND ITS POSITION AS DEFINED IN NOTE NO. 183/39 OF 27 FEBRUARY 1974, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT DECLARES THAT IT READY TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE DELIMITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW AND AT A DATE WHICH WILL BE INDICATED BY THE HELLENIC GOVERNMENT, BEARING IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE AND THE URGENCY OF THE PROBLEM. ... END TEXT

2. AT SAME TIME, MFA OFFICER SAID HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PLANS TO SEND ADDITIONAL SURVEY SHIPS INTO THE AEGEAN IN MID-JUNE, AS REPORTED IN THE JUNE WYY TURKISH PRESS. SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID THE "CANDARLI" ITSELF, WHICH CONDUCTED SURVEY WORK IN THE AEGEAN MAY 29- JUNE 4 AND WHICH TWO TURKISH DAILIES SAY IS SCHEDULED TO GO BACK OUT ON JUNE 15, CONFIDENTIAL

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